

## Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter 26

- In Matthew 26:1–3 Jesus once more told the disciples that He would be put to death. From this account, how do we know that His death was very near?
- Read Exodus 12:1–27 to learn why the Passover was celebrated. What parallels do you see here with Jesus' death? In what way was He the ultimate Passover Lamb (see also 1 Corinthians 5:7)?
- What was significant about Mary's action?
- Why did Judas object to Mary anointing Jesus?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus was betrayed from within His own ranks? Even though Jesus knew it would happen (see John 6:64), how do you think He felt when it did?
- Judas Iscariot is never mentioned in Scripture without the notation that he was the one who betrayed Jesus. How does 26:14–16 describe his preparations for this despicable act?
- How did Jesus instruct His disciples to prepare the Passover (26:17–19)?
- Matthew doesn't note it, but Judas was dismissed from the meeting before the Lord's Supper took place (see John 13:27–30). Why?
- After the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples went to the Mount of Olives. What did Jesus predict (26:31–35)?
- How would you characterize Jesus' emotional state in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- How did Jesus' prayer session in the garden conclude (26:46)?
- What statement did Jesus make at the end of verse 41 that gives us insight into why we often struggle with falling into sin?
- What did Jesus say in 26:64 that made the high priests charge Him with heresy?
- Why was Peter's denial of Jesus ultimately a good thing in his life?